

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A playing figure adapted to mount to an actuating rod of a table soccer comprising:  
  
first and second portions together having a first center of gravity located in the first portion so that the playing figure takes a first posture under the action of the gravity;  
  
and  
  
a counterweight removably attached to one of the first and second portions to change the first center of gravity to a second center of gravity whereby the playing figure takes a second posture, different from the first posture, under the action of the gravity;  
  
wherein the counterweight has a resilient portion with a hollow interior and at least one slit formed on a side so as to be tightly but removably fitted on one of the first and second portions of the playing figure.
2. (Original) The playing figure as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the first portion is the leg portion of the playing figure and the first posture is a vertical posture.
3. (Original) The playing figure as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the second center of gravity is substantially coincident with the actuating rod and the second posture is a horizontal posture.
4. (Original) The playing figure as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the counterweight is made in the form of a jacket removably fitted over the second portion of the figure.

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5. (Original) The playing figure as claimed in Claim 4, wherein the jacket defines ribs to provide resiliency for tightly fitting over the second portion of the figure.